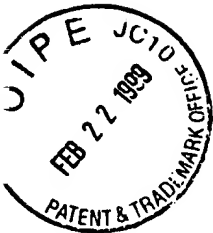


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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

GROUP 3600

S I R:

On January 22, 1999, in response to the December 23, 1998 Office Action in the above-identified case, applicant submitted a Response to Office Action requesting the election of the invention of Group I (i.e., claims 1-2, 4, 6, 8-9, 11, 13, 15 and 31-32) with traverse, a copy of which is attached as Appendix A. However, it has been determined that a miscommunication between the inventor and counsel has occurred. The intention of the inventor was to proceed with the prosecution of, and therefore elect, the invention of Group II (i.e., claims 16-25 and 28-30), with

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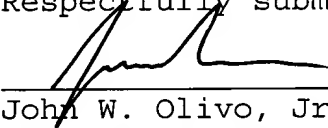
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traverse. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Response to Office Action dated January 22, 1999, be rescinded, and this Supplemental Response to Office Action substituted therefor. In addition, applicant submits concurrently herewith a Preliminary Amendment canceling the claims of Group II and adding new claims which are directed to the invention thereof.

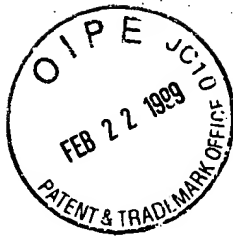
Therefore, applicant herein withdraws claims 1-15, 26-27 and 31-32 without prejudice, and reserves the right to prosecute said withdrawn claims in subsequent divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part applications.

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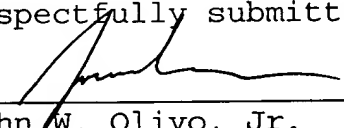
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In response to the December 23, 1998 Office Action in the above-identified case, applicant respectfully requests the election of the invention of Group I, i.e., claims 1-2, 4, 6, 8-9, 11, 13, 15 and 31-32, with traverse. Therefore, applicant herein withdraws claims 16-30 without prejudice, and reserves the right to prosecute said withdrawn claims in subsequent divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part applications.

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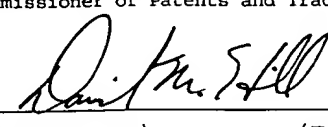

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